

1 [Urging A Death Penalty Moratorium]

2 URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO APPROVE LEGISLATION PROVIDING A  
3 MORATORIUM ON CARRYING OUT THE DEATH PENALTY.

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5 WHEREAS, Since 1973, during the same period that 628 executions were carried out,  
6 87 wrongly convicted men and women on death row have been cleared; and,

7 WHEREAS, This is an error rate of 1 innocent person for every 7 persons executed;  
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9 WHEREAS, A comprehensive new study by Columbia Law School of every capital  
10 conviction between 1973-1995 found that serious mistakes were made in 2/3 of all capital  
11 cases; and,

12 WHEREAS, There are racial disparities in the application of the death penalty with  
13 African-Americans accounting for 35% of those executed, 43% of those on death row  
14 nationwide, and 67% of those on death row in the Federal system although African-  
15 Americans constitute only 13% of the American population; and,

16 WHEREAS, At least 17 city and county governments have passed resolutions  
17 supporting a moratorium on executions; and,

18 WHEREAS, H.R. 4162, the Accuracy in Judicial Administration Act of 2000, would  
19 assure protection for the substantive due process rights of the innocent by providing a  
20 temporary moratorium on carrying out the death penalty to assure that persons able to prove  
21 their innocence are not executed; and,

22 WHEREAS, S. 2463, the National Death Penalty Moratorium Act of 2000, would  
23 immediately suspend executions in the United States while a national, blue ribbon panel  
24 reviews the administration of the death penalty and policies ensuring justice, fairness, and  
25 due process are implemented; and,

1           WHEREAS, H.R. 4162 and S. 2463 are on file with the Clerk of the Board of  
2 Supervisors in File No. 001218 ; now, therefore, be it

3           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
4 endorses a moratorium on executions in the United States and urges the United States  
5 Congress to approve legislation providing a moratorium on carrying out the death penalty;  
6 and, be it

7           FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to his Honor, the  
8 Mayor, with a request that he transmit copies to the delegation from California in Congress,  
9 with a request they take all action necessary to achieve the objectives of this resolution.

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City and County of San Francisco

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Resolution

File Number: 001218

Date Passed:


Resolution urging the United States Congress to approve legislation providing a moratorium on carrying out the death penalty.

July 10, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

File No. 001218

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on July 10, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

  
Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.